



WISCONSIN MASTER LOGGER CERTIFICATION

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2018 GREEN TIER REPORT

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PROGRAM STATUS

Total Current Wisconsin Master Loggers	65
New Applicants in 2018	6
Complaints in 2018	1
New Applicants Certified in 2018	6
Recertification Audits in 2018.....	12

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Work to pursue potential benefits for Master Loggers through the WDNR continued in 2018. Potential incentives to professional loggers that work on forest lands could include:
 - Differential requirements for performance bonds.
 - Differential requirements for bid bonds.
 - Stumpage rate discounts for timber sales.
 - Contract extensions for timber sales.
 - Preferential consideration for awarding contracts
- Annual dues, Mauck Insurance Agency, Inc., and SFI grant funding are currently the only funding sources for the Master Logger Program.
- Improved working relationship with WDNR foresters.
- Secura Insurance offers a 20% discount to Master Loggers on liability insurance coverage.
- Washburn County offers payment incentives for Master Loggers by offering Master Loggers 30-day payment term.
- Marketing tool for private landowners. Gives them assurance of harvesting done to an accepted and recognized standard.
- Program has functioned as an arbitrator on complaints.
- WIMLC website for marketing, information, and outreach (wimlc.com) has recently been updated.
- Fred Souba, Chief State Forester, WDNR spoke at the annual Master Logger meeting in April, 2018.
- The Master Logger FSC® Chain of Custody (COC) Program is funded through agreements with several forest industry companies, specifically Ahlstrom-Munksjo, Biewer Lumber, Domtar, and Futurewood which pay the Master Logger Program \$0.30/ton for every Master Logger FSC COC ton of wood delivered to one of their mills. There are currently 37 Master Loggers that are FSC COC certified.
- The Master Logger Program has been invited to participate in several meetings/committees:
 - Governor's Council on Forestry and its various subcommittees
 - Wisconsin SFI State Implementation Committee